

Your Excellency;

I am writing to express my grave concern on Grâce Tshiunza, Mino Bopomi, Cedric Kalonji and Carbone Beni who, on 24 September, were guilty of “insulting the president”, “publication of subversive writings” and “civil disobedience”. Amnesty International believes that the court’s decision is baseless and criminalizes legal and peaceful activism by human rights activists.

I respectfully call on the DRC authorities to release Grace Tshiunza, Mino Bopomi, Cedric Kalonji and Carbone Beni immediately and unconditionally.

I strongly urge the authorities to ensure that pending their release, the human rights activists are not subjected to torture and other ill-treatment while in detention.

Sincerely yours,